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SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to make the products of small scale industries sector qualitative to compete in international market by making comprehensive improvements through modern technique in the said sector;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to stress on the research work for improving the technique;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to set up a technology fund in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme formulated by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): Technology Development & Modernisation Fund (TDMF) has already been set up by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in April, 1995 for the upgradation and modernisation of small scale industries.An amount of Rs. 200 crores has been earmarked by the SIDBI for this purpose.The SIDBI provides direct assistance under the scheme.In the Union Budget 2000-2001, the operation of this fund has been extended by anonther three years.

(e) Does not arise.